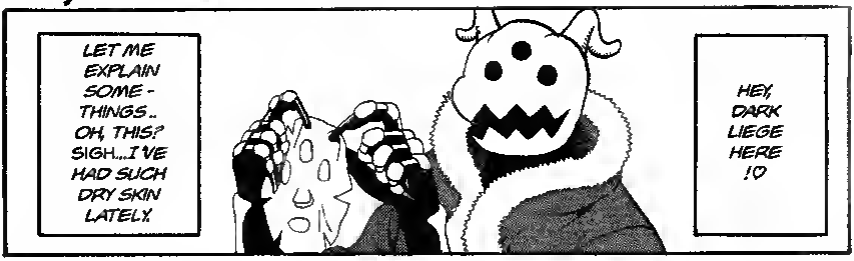
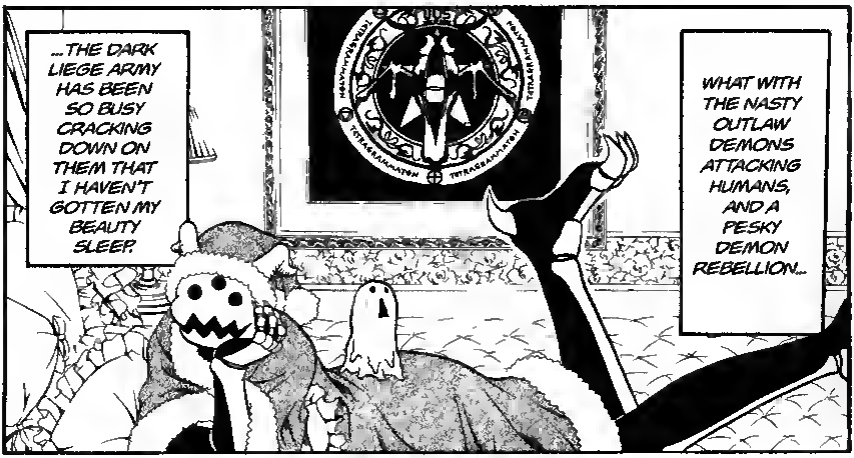
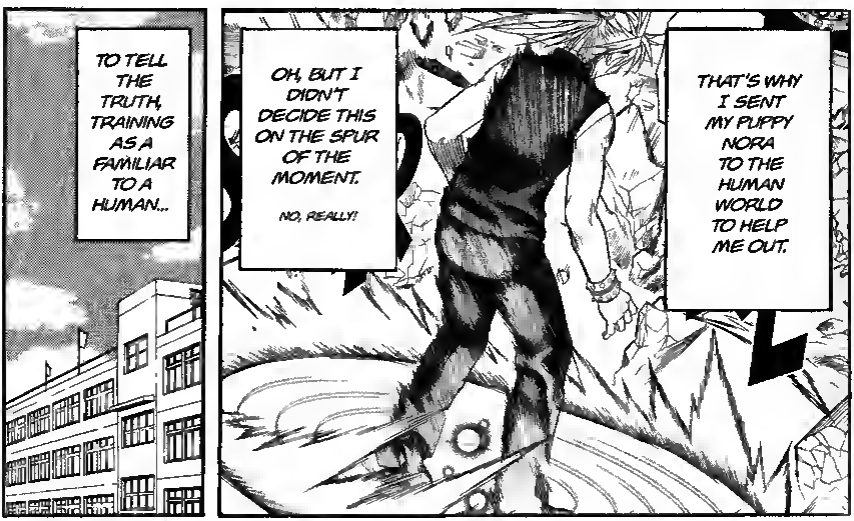
Story 2: Give and Take




...THE DARK LIEGE ARMY HAS BEEN SO BUSY CRACKING DOWN ON THEM THAT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY BEAUTY SLEEP.
WHAT WITH THE NASTY OUTLAW DEMONS ATTACKING HUMANS, AND A PESKY DEMON REBELLION...


TO TELL THE TRUTH, TRAINING AS A FAMILIAR TO A HUMAN...
OH, BUT I DIDN'T DECIDE THIS ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT.
NO, REALLY!
THAT'S WHY I SENT MY PUPPY NORA TO THE HUMAN WORLD TO HELP ME OUT.

Story 2: Give and Take

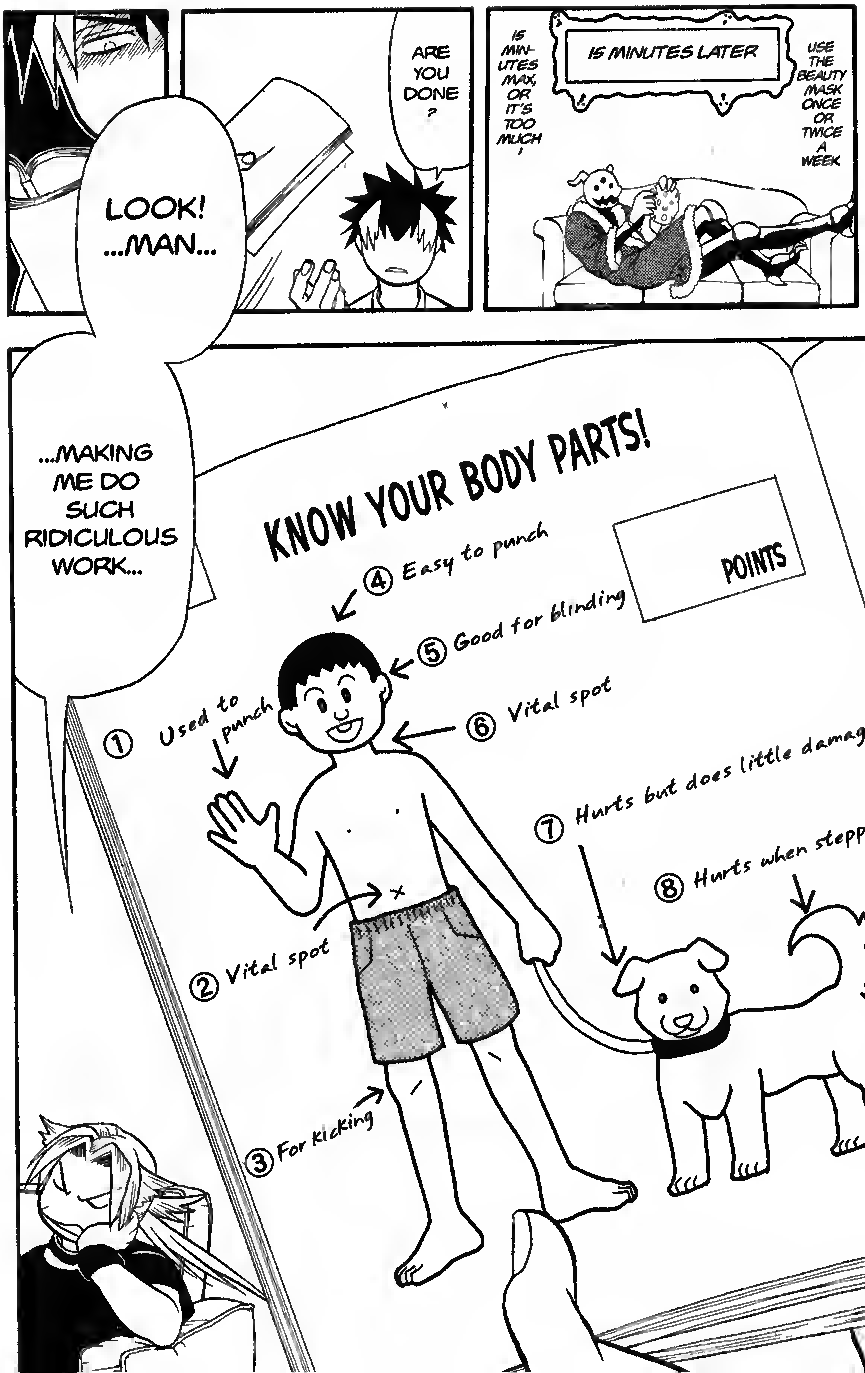
CHIRP CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
...EH ?
THIS IS THE HUMAN WORLD.
...OH YEAH. YESTER-DAY...
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
WHO IS HE?
I DON'T KNOW.

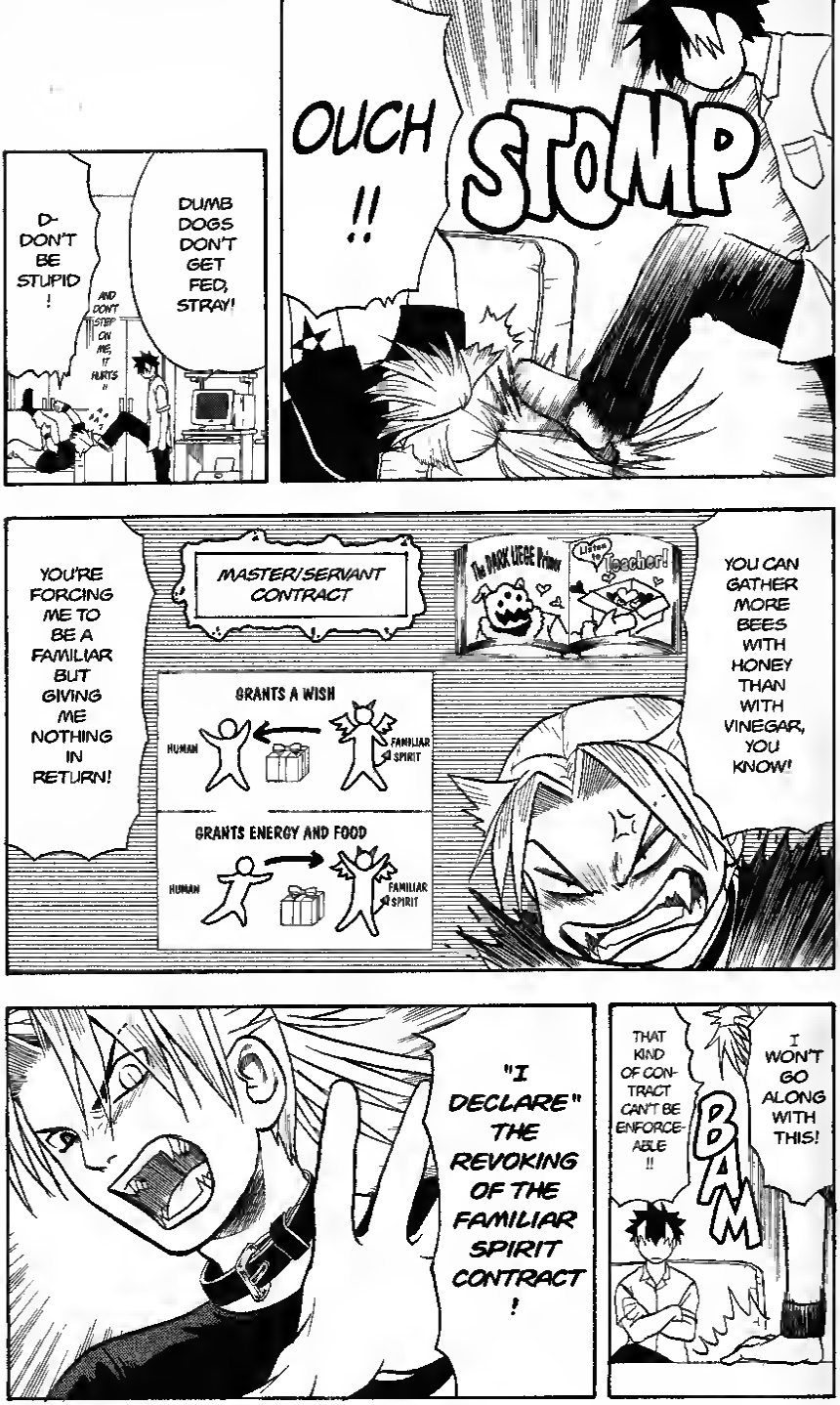
...AND BECAME A FAMILIAR SPIRIT TO A NUTTY HUMAN BEING.
...I WAS FORCED TO TAKE HUMAN FORM BY A SEALING SPELL...
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN YOU TO OTHER PEOPLE.
THAT GUY...
GRRRRRR
BOOT
AND THE POLICE SHOULD BE COMING ANY SECOND. HIDE IN HERE.
I ACCIDENTLY FELL ASLEEP...
KEEP QUIET UNTIL THE MORNING.
YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A SPACIOUS DOGHOUSE.
BAM!
LET ME OUT
BAM

GAH.
SQUEEZE
"I FORBID."
I'LL EAT YOUR SOUL—
WHISPER
G R R
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!
TMP
KAZUMA!
PRESI-DENT...
WHAT KIND OF PUNK-ASS CHUMP ARE YOU? IDIOT!
TMP
TMP
GKKGKKK! IT HURTS...!
KOFF KOFF
C'MON, YOU KNOW... MAGARI'S HOUSE IS THAT HUGE MANSION.
OH YEAH...
A BODY GUARD?
DRAG
DRAG
SORRY TO INTER-RUPT YOU GUYS.
THIS IS A BODY-GUARD WHO'S JUST BEEN ADOPT— I MEAN, HIRED AT OUR HOUSE.
GKKK!
GRAB
IS THAT REALLY SOME-BODY MAGARI KNOWS?

THEY'RE SAYING IT WAS A GAS EXPLOSION!
DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE?!
I WONDER, STRAY DOG...
SLIDE
Student Council Room
TA DA
Melon Bread
DOES A DEMON LIKE YOU GET HUNGRY?
THUD
HUH?! OF COURSE!
I HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE YESTERDAY!

I WANT YOU TO STUDY. FAIR TRADE.
YOU WANT FOOD..
give
take
OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND THAT KIND OF THING, FOOL!
TH-
THUMP
YOINK!
GRAB
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF BARTERING? YOU KNOW, TRADE?
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?!
DAMMIT, YOU-!!
GRRRRR
First Grade
FUN WITH PHONICS
I GET THAT! WHY ARE THEY FOR LITTLE KIDS?!
SCHOOL BOOKS... AND AN ETIQUETTE BOOK OR TWO...
..WHAT ARE THESE?
I'LL SHOW YOU! HAND THEM OVER!
SLAM
SCHOOLS IN HELL MUST REALLY SUCK.
I WAS CONSIDERED REALLY GIFTED!
I WAS EDUCATED BY THE DARK LIEGE ARMY!


LOOK! ...MAN...
ARE YOU DONE?
15 MINUTES LATER
IS 15 MINUTES MAX, OR IT'S TOO MUCH?
USE THE BEAUTY MASK ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK
...MAKING ME DO SUCH RIDICULOUS WORK...
KNOW YOUR BODY PARTS!
POINTS
① Used to punch
② Vital spot
③ For kicking
④ Easy to punch
⑤ Good for blinding
⑥ Vital spot
⑦ Hurts but does little damage
⑧ Hurts when stepped on


D-DON'T BE STUPID!
AND DON'T STEP ON ME, IT HURTS!!
DUMB DOGS DON'T GET FED, STRAY!
OUCH!!
STOMP
YOU'RE FORCING ME TO BE A FAMILIAR BUT GIVING ME NOTHING IN RETURN!
MASTER/SERVANT CONTRACT
GRANTS A WISH
HUMAN
FAMILIAR SPIRIT
GRANTS ENERGY AND FOOD
HUMAN
FAMILIAR SPIRIT
The DARK LORD Prince
Listen to Teacher!
YOU CAN GATHER MORE BEES WITH HONEY THAN WITH VINEGAR, YOU KNOW!
"I DECLARE" THE REVOKING OF THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT CONTRACT!
THAT KIND OF CONTRACT CAN'T BE ENFORCEABLE!!
BAM
I WON'T GO ALONG WITH THIS!

KAZUMA'S GIFT
=EDUCATION
TSSSSS~
=FORCED TO STUDY
BOOM
I AM GIVING YOU SOMETHING! AN EDUCATION!
"I FORBID."
GAAH...
I DON'T CARE HOW YOU SEE IT.
THIS ISN'T GIVE AND TAKE AT ALL!!
ARGH! DAMMIT!
"I FORBID."
"I DECLARE" THE REVOKING OF THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT CONTRACT!
I REFUSE.
REVOKE IT!
I WILL MAKE YOU REVOKE THE CONTRACT! DON'T THINK I WON'T!

DID YOU FEEL THAT CRAZY WAVE OF MAGICAL POWER?

WAS IT THE DARK LIEGE ARMY? OR THE GUYS FROM THE RESISTANCE?
WAS THERE A BATTLE BETWEEN DEMONS?!

WHO IS IT...?

I'VE NEVER FELT THAT MUCH MAGICAL POWER, EVEN BACK IN THE DEMON WORLD.
IT'S IN THE GENERAL-CLASS... NO, IT MIGHT BE GREATER THAN THAT!

SOMEHOW, I'VE GOTTA GET HIM TO APPROVE REVOKING THE...
THAT GUY'S ON MY LIST!
BEEP BEEP
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, AND HUMANS DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'D TASTE GOOD.
THUD
I'M HUNGRY...
BOUNCE
BEEP BEEP
GROWWWL ooo
GURRGLE
WHERE'S KAZUMA?
WHO CARES?!
HEY NORA...
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT-!
AW, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE FEELING DOWN, NORA.
...WHAT DO YOU WANT?

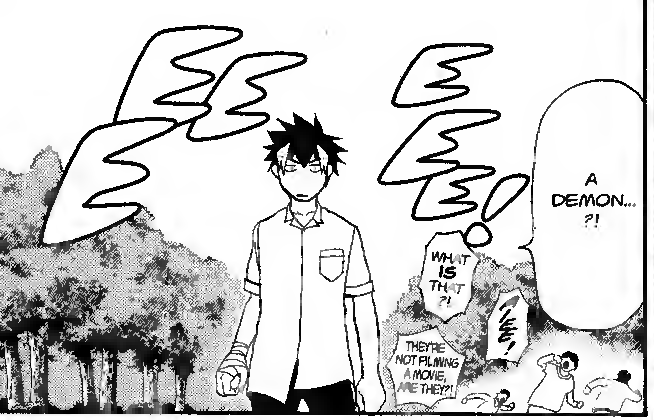
THERE ARE OUTLAW DEMONS AND RESISTANCE LEADERS ALL OVER THE HUMAN WORLD.
IN FACT, THE RESISTANCE HAS PUT OUT A BOUNTY ON ANYONE IN THE DARK LIEGE ARMY...
THAT MEANS NASTY, WANTED CRIMINAL TYPES...
...ARE TARGETING DARK LIEGE ARMY MEMBERS.
...WHAT?
..OH DEAR.
THEN WOULD PUPPY DO ME A BIG FAVOR?
SO GIVE BACK MY MAGIC POWERS, UGLY!
GRRRR
AND HERE YOU ARE WITHOUT ANY POWERS TO DEFEND YOURSELF...

RAWR!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO FEED MYSELF !!
GURRGLE
SIGH. FOOD GRUDGES ARE SCARY..
DIE, UGLY !!!
CLATTER
WHILE YOU'RE IN THE HUMAN WORLD, COULD YOU BUY ME SOME PINK PASSION LIPSTICK?
GRAB
HEY, GIVE ME SOME MONEY, GEEZER !!
EHH..?!
OH YEAH !
MONEY.. OH
HM HM HMMM..
OW...
KLONK

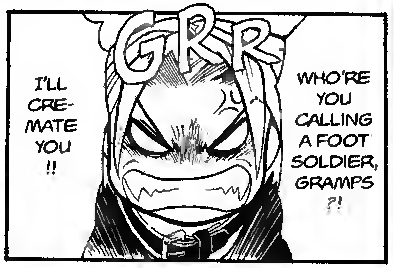
GLARE...
JUST WHEN I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU'D DISAPPEARED TO...
GRR
IF YOU HATE THIS SO MUCH, REVOKE THE CON-TRACT!
WHO CARES?!
...HE'LL END UP IN THE DOG-HOUSE.
IF A CERTAIN STRAY DOG DOESN'T STOP MAKING ME LOOK BAD...
STEP
STEP
HEY, YOU...
LOOK, I SHOULD WARN YOU— PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
OH.. KAZUMA'S THERE AGAIN.
GAH..
"I FORBID."
"I DECLARE" THE REVOKING OF THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT CONTRACT!

AN ENEMY MIGHT ATTACK FROM ANYWHERE.
SWOOSH

RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!
WHAT THE-?!
EH HEH HEH HEH..
A "FORBID" COMMAND, EH?
STRETCH
POKE
POKE
SO A FOOT SOLDIER IN THE DARK LIEGE ARMY HAS BECOME A FAMILIAR TO A HUMAN.
NORMALLY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO SHOW MY REAL FACE IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
BUT WHAT THE HECK...
RIP
RIP


EEEEE!
A DEMON...?!
WHAT IS THAT?!
EEE!
THEY'RE NOT FILMING A MOVIE, ARE THEY?!

WAIT!
IGU-NISU...


GRR
I'LL CRE-MATE YOU!!
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A FOOT SOLDIER, GRAMPS?!

HEH HEH... I'M GOING TO GET THE BOUNTY REWARD!
SWOOSH

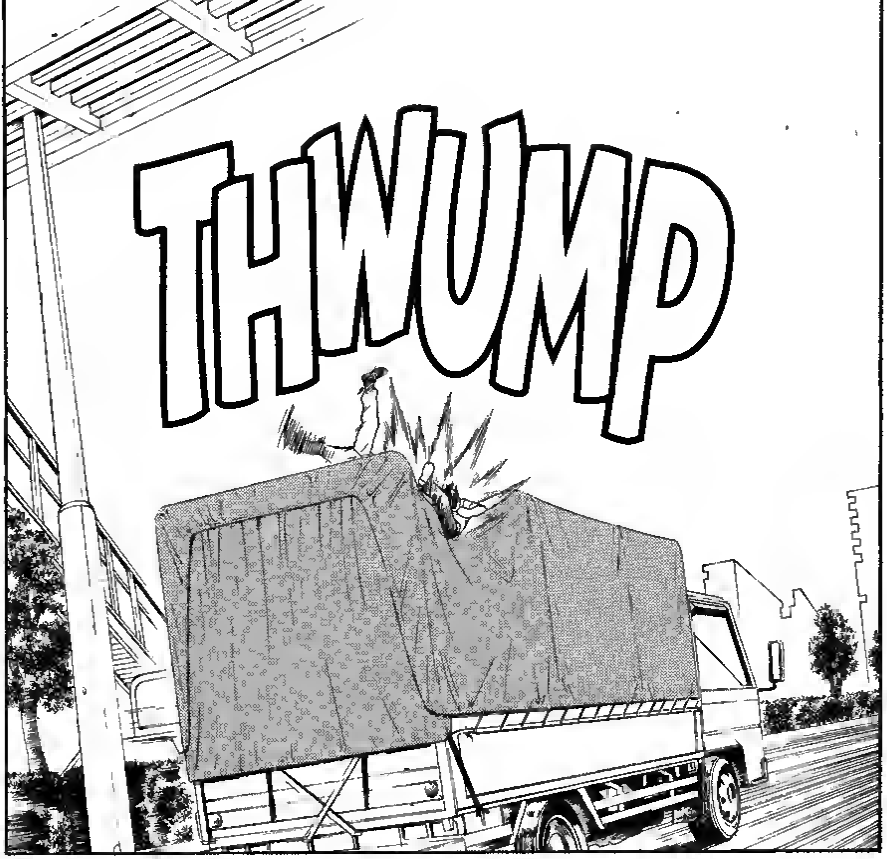
EEEEEEEEEK
I'LL BE TAKING THAT HEAD OF YOURS!

SHUU
SHUU
PATTER PATTER
WHY ?!
WE CAN'T RISK HURTING OTHER HUMANS.
GKK...
C'MON, STRAY DOG! LET'S SCRAM!
GRAB
GRR
WHO CARES? JUST LET ME USE MY MAGIC!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, THEN REVOKE MY CONTRACT!
NO. TO BOTH.
I'LL AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MAGIC ONLY IN PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN'T SEE.
YOU'RE SO HUMAN-CENTRIC.
TRY LOOKING AT IT FROM A DEMON'S POINT OF VIEW!

AIEEE! WHAT'S THAT?!
!
EH HEH HEH! YOU GUYS WON'T GET AWAY!!
STOMP STOMP
!
HMM... HOW CAN WE GET OUT OF THIS MESS?
WITH MAGIC...!
YOU DON'T GET A VOTE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED!!
EH HEH HEH! TIME TO DIE!!

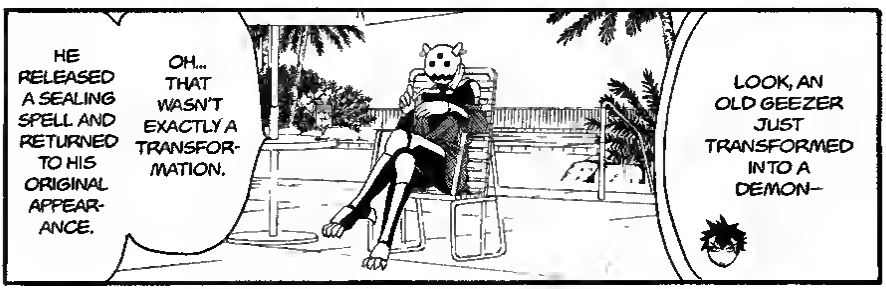
GAAAH!
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO?!
BEHIND YOU!!
THEN WHAT WILL WE... WAUGH!
BE THANKFUL I EVEN ASKED YOUR OPINION
WE WON'T USE ANY MAGIC.
THIS.
THUD

YOWWW!!
HUH ?

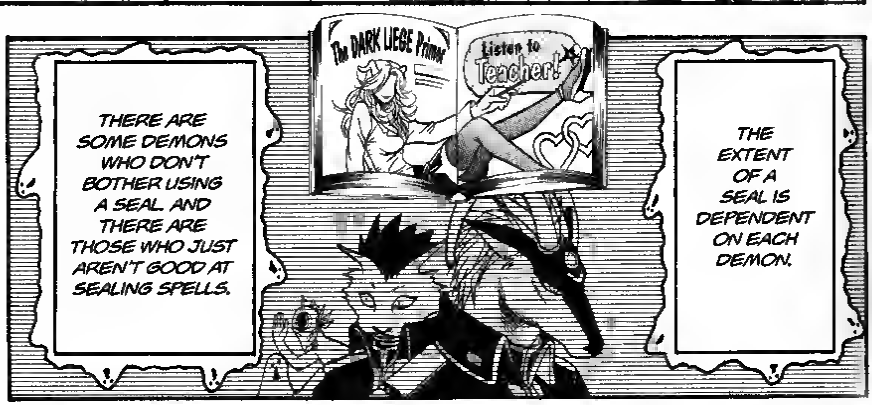

THWUMP

MY MEASUREMENTS ARE A SECRET!♡
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK.
SO NOT INTERESTED!
VROOM VROOM!

HIIII!♡ WHAT'S SHAKIN'? IT SOUNDS LIVELY OVER THERE...
HEY, IS THIS PHONE STILL ON?
GONNA DIE... GONNA BE KILLED...


HE RELEASED A SEALING SPELL AND RETURNED TO HIS ORIGINAL APPEARANCE.
OH... THAT WASN'T EXACTLY A TRANSFORMATION.
LOOK, AN OLD GEEZER JUST TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON—

KA-BOING!
A SEALING SPELL ALLOWS A DEMON TO LOOK HUMAN, THAT'S ALL.
IT'S EASIER THAT WAY. TAKES LESS MAGIC, TOO.


THERE ARE SOME DEMONS WHO DON'T BOTHER USING A SEAL. AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO JUST AREN'T GOOD AT SEALING SPELLS.
The DARK LIEGE Primer
Listen to Teacher!
THE EXTENT OF A SEAL IS DEPENDENT ON EACH DEMON.

WHA-
WHA-
WHA—
...HUH
?
EH
HEH HEH!
LET'S
REVIEW:
YOU
GUYS
WON'T
GET
AWAY!!
WHAT
IS
THAT...
?!
VRRROOOMMM

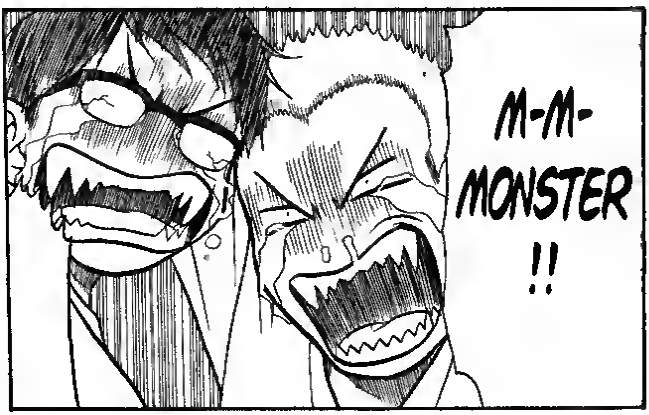
...
AREN'T
WE
SUPPOSED
TO BE
CRACKING
DOWN ON
OUTLAW
DEMONS
?!
WH-
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
"INTER-
ESTING"
?!

HUH
?!
I SEE...
WELL,
THIS IS
INTER-
ESTING.

LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M—
HEY !
SHAKE
SHAKE
...YOU SIGNED THE CONTRACT BECAUSE YOU WERE BORED ?!
WAIT... YOU'RE NOT SAYING
SCREEECH
WHOA..
THAT ROAD LEADS TO A HILL BEHIND THE SCHOOL.
WE'RE GONNA RUN LIKE GREY-HOUNDS, STRAY HOUND.
STEP
STEP
YOU... YOU USED A PERSON TO BREAK YOUR FALL!
GUH..
THUD

I THINK SO. I THINK WE WERE AT THE VENDING MACHINE AND..
...WE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS BECAUSE WE WERE CAUGHT IN AN EXPLOSION, RIGHT?
...HEY.. YESTERDAY..
IT..IT MUST HAVE BEEN BOTH OF OUR IMAGINATIONS!
EXACTLY!
THOUGH IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN OUR WOUNDS..
UM...I HAD A HALLUCINATION... WHERE I SAW THIS INCREDIBLE MONSTER...
WHAT A COINCIDENCE. ME TOO. Ha ha ha...
IN THAT HALLUCINATION. I WAS BEING DRAGGED BY HIM AND I FAINTED..
RUSTLE
VROOM
WE'RE HIDDEN ENOUGH— USE YOUR MAGIC!
THINK OF WHAT KAZUMA WOULD SAY IF WE MENTIONED A MONSTER!
VROOM VROOM
BUT.. THERE CAN'T BE SUCH A THING AS A MONSTER!
Ha.. ha...

WATCH AND LEARN, PUNK!


M-M-MONSTER!!

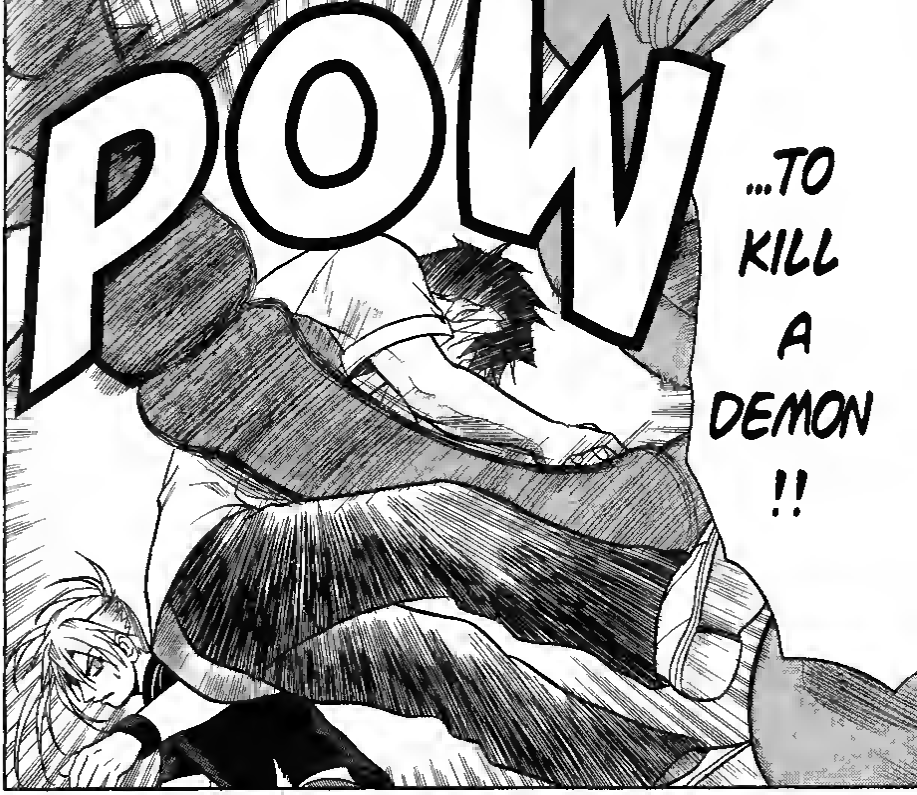
GLANCE
ANEMOSU! FULL OF HOT AIR SPELL!
VROOM...
I MEAN, THE REVOKING OF THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT CONTRACT..
...IS WHAT "I DECLARE."
"I FORBID."
ZZZIP
VROOM
HAR HAR! I'LL JUST KILL YOU GUYS BY RUNNING YOU OVER!
GKK... DAMN.. IT!
UGH... NOOO
NEE... EEE...
A STRAY DOG CAN NEVER OUTSMART A HUMAN.

GRAB
ZIP
OH, NO...
"I FORBID."
GEH
STOMP
SIGH... FOR EVERY ACTION...
POW!

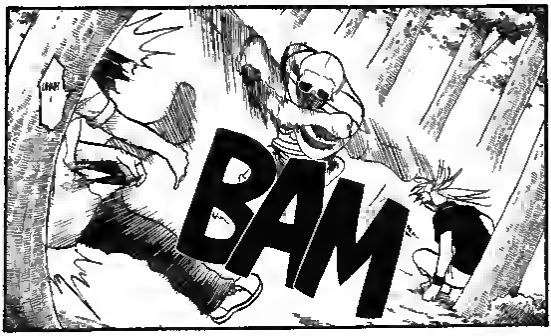
THUD
ROLL
THUD
ROLL
THUD
ROLL

BAM
...THERE IS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION!

GRRRR
A DEMON IS NOT A TOY!
HEY, FOOL IS MY WORD, FOOL!
DON'T STRAIN YOUR BRAIN, FOOL!
DAMMIT.. FIRST YOU USE ME AS AN AIRBAG, THEN A STAIR-CASE...!
YOU'LL GET YOURS SOON ENOUGH...
EH HEH HEH HEH!
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET, FOOT SOLDIER.
IT TAKES MORE THAN THAT...
WHSH
WHOOSH

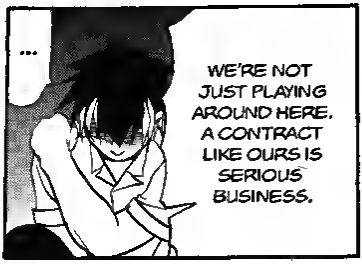

POW
...TO KILL A DEMON !!

PFFT! IN-STANT KAR-MA!
SERVES YOU RIGHT! FOOL!


BAM

...WHAT ?

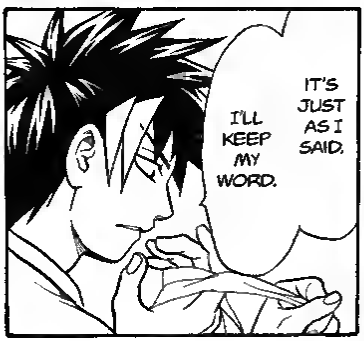
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, HURRY UP AND REVOKE--
...ALL RIGHT.


...
WE'RE NOT JUST PLAYING AROUND HERE. A CONTRACT LIKE OURS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.

IF YOU BEAT THIS GUY...
...I'LL SAY "APPROVAL" WHEN YOU REVOKE THE CONTRACT.
...!
"I APPROVE."
THIS IS THE END—
"I DECLARE" IGUNISU: SCORCHING CYCLONE!
WHA-?
WHOOSH
EH HEH HEH HEH! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS WASTING TIME TALKING ABOUT?!

AIE-
EE-
EE
!!
ROAR

...HEH.


I'LL KEEP MY WORD.
IT'S JUST AS I SAID.

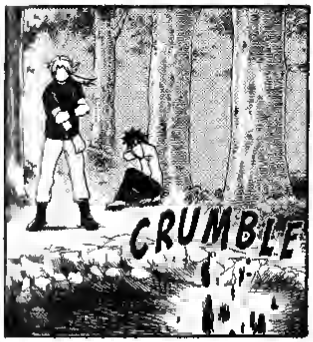
YOU'LL KEEP YOUR PROM-ISE ?
M-MAGIC !
AND AT THIS HIGH OF A LEVEL ..

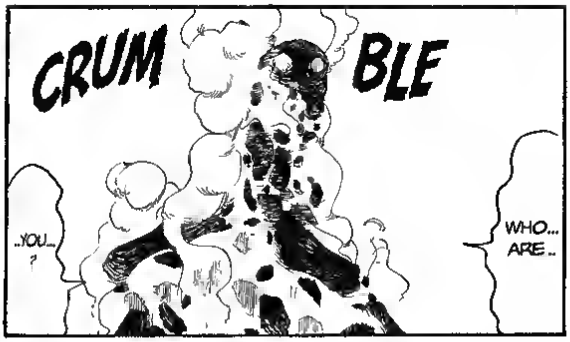
THEN I'LL DO IT!
ROAR
"I DECLARE" ANEMOSU MAGIA: HEAVY THUNDER FLASH!
WHO...?
I'M GOING TO BE CRUSHED!
WHA... WHAT POWER...!

VMMMM

WHO
IS
THIS...
?

"I
APPROVE."


CRUMBLE

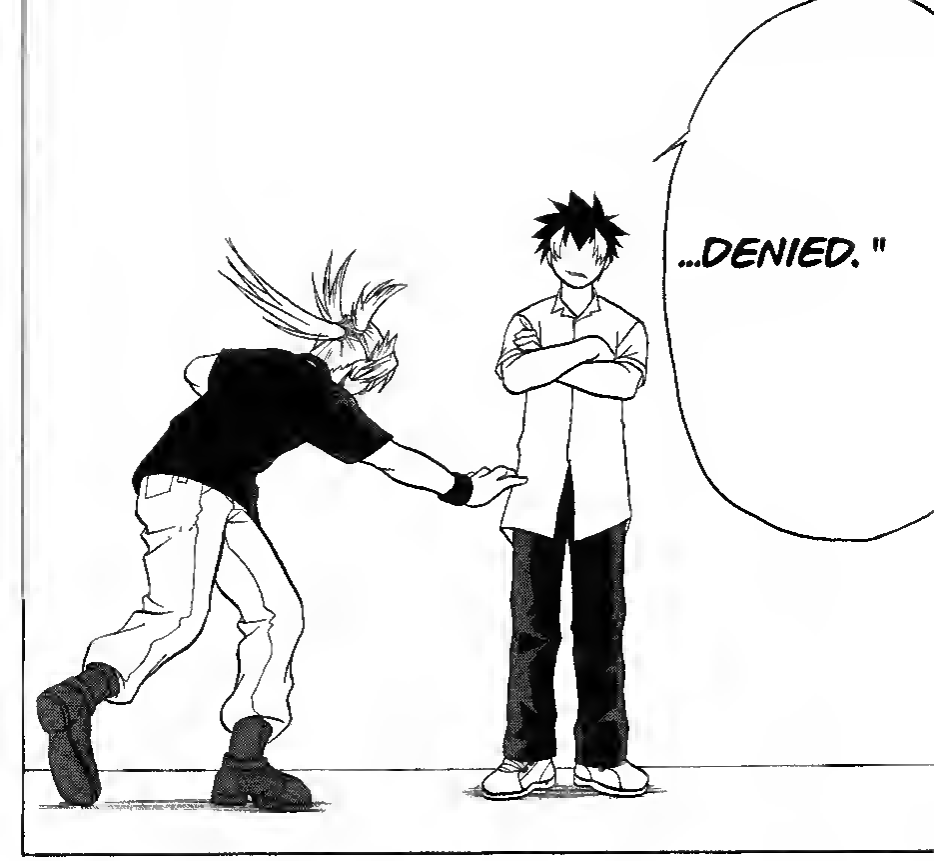

CRUM
BLE
..YOU..
?
WHO...
ARE..

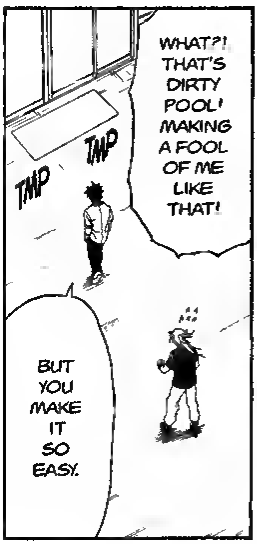
HEY! THAT PROMISE YOU JUST MADE-!
GKK-!
WE NEED TO LEAVE. PEOPLE WILL SHOW UP SOON.

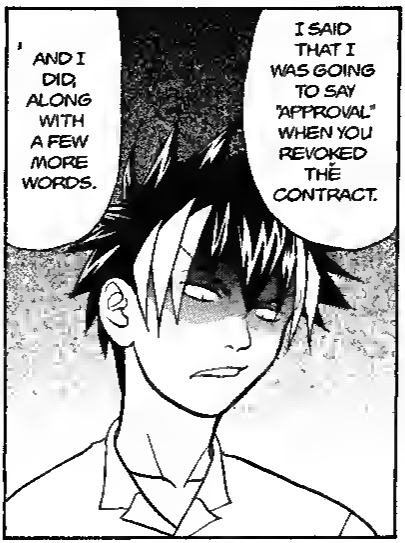
WAH HOO
WAH HOO
WAH HOO..
WAH HOO..

...
GIVE ME APPROVAL TO REVOKE THE CONTRACT !!
AFTER WE GET OUT OF HERE. I ALREADY HEAR POLICE SIRENS

ALL RIGHT...
I KEEP MY PROMISES.
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SAY "APPROVAL" WHEN I REVOKE THE CONTRACT ?
..HERE SHOULD BE FINE.
HOW FAR ARE YOU GONNA MAKE ME WALK?! I'M HUNGRY !
"I DECLARE" THE REVOKING OF THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT CONTRACT !
UP YOURS, UGLY DARK LIEGE !
FARE-WELL, SCRAWNY HUMAN!
"AP-PROVAL...


...DENIED."


WHAT?! THAT'S DIRTY POOL! MAKING A FOOL OF ME LIKE THAT!
TMP
TMP
BUT YOU MAKE IT SO EASY.


I SAID THAT I WAS GOING TO SAY "APPROVAL" WHEN YOU REVOKED THE CONTRACT.
AND I DID, ALONG WITH A FEW MORE WORDS.

HUH...?

THAT'S WRONG!
IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PROMISED. I DIDN'T LIE.

...TCH.
STEP
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO MAKE A FOOL OF YOU.
GURRR...GLE...
GURRGGLLL
SAY, JUST WHAT KIND OF SHOP IS...
SHOP
LOOK, WHY DON'T I FEED MY STRAY DOG? JUST TO SHOW NO HARD FEELINGS?
SO, WHICH DOG FOOD DO YOU PREFER?
ALL THAT SET-UP...
...FOR A RUNNING GAG?!
PET SHOP
PET SHOP
TANAKA
DING!
GOOD DAY, BOYS!
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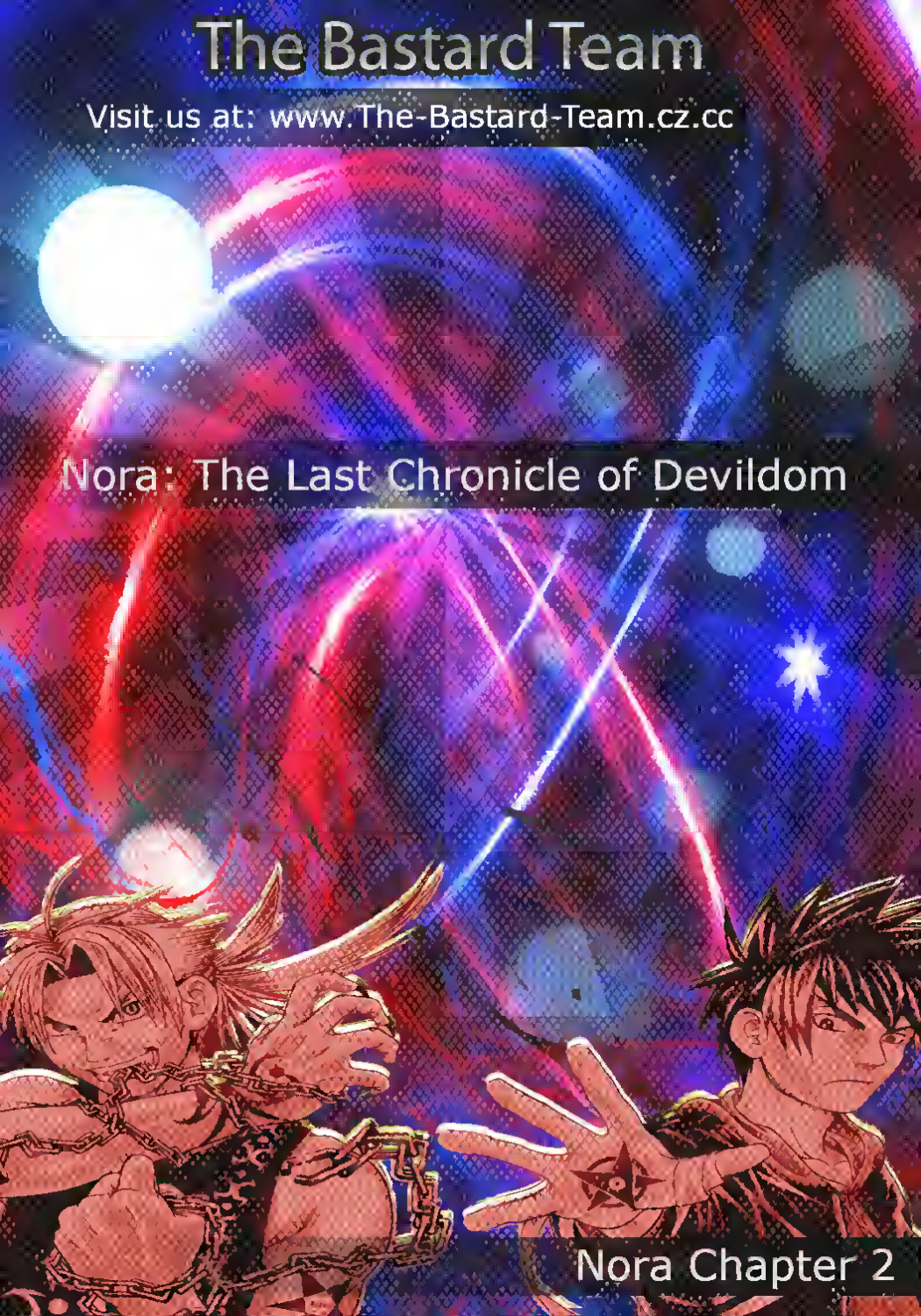
← IN THE ROUGH CONCEPT STAGE, THE DARK LIEGE WAS IN HER BIRTHDAY SUIT. IN THE END I PUT CLOTHING ON HER, BUT IT HONESTLY DIDN'T CHANGE THAT MUCH.

MY ORIGINAL SKETCH OF THE DARK LIEGE BEFORE I GAVE HER A MAKEOVER. IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU CAN SEE A CELL PHONE WITH A CHARM STRAP! →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